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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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APPLICATION NO:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Under the Title and before the first line, please insert -This is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP00/04562, filed May 19, 2000, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. - -

IN THE CLAIMS

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the patient is suffering from inflammation, myocardial ischemia, rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and tumour growth, invasion or metastasis.

7. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, in which the bisphosphonate is selected from the following compounds or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or any hydrate thereof: 3-amino-1-hydroxypropane-1,1-diphosphonic acid (pamidronic acid), 3-(N,N-dimethylamino)-1-hydroxypropane-1,1-diphosphonic acid, 4 amino-1-hydroxybutane-1,1-diphosphonic acid (alendronic acid), 1-hydroxy-ethidene-bisphosphonic acid, 1-hydroxy-3-(methylpentylamino)-propylidene-bisphosphonic acid, ibandronic acid, 6-amino-1-hydroxyhexane-1,1-diphosphonic acid,